**Law Commission's concern over misuse of POTA**

824. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission of India has called upon Government to take steps to provide safeguards to prevent misuse of the Prevention of Terrorism Act; and

(b) if so, details thereof, indicating the context and background in which the recommendation has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002 has the necessary in-built safeguards to prevent misuse of the powers contained therein. These provisions were incorporated in the Act after duly taking into account the recommendations of the Law Commission at that time. After the enactment of the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, the Law Commission has not made any recommendation or report in this regard.

**Rape of minor girl**

825. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Police treads warily in minor rape case" appearing in the media;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the culprit and the hospital authorities for raping minor girl in the vicinity of the hospital;

(c) whether it is a fact that former Police Commissioner intervened and tried to hush up the case by influencing the police officials; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take against the former police Commissioner/official for protecting the criminals in the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the complaint lodged by the victim, a criminal case under relevant sections of law was registered the same day. The